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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH AND ASSISTANT CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL CODUS

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN MRS. NIXON
AND PRESIDENT GEISEL

1. IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. CODUS, WHEN HE WAS HERE
HEADING THE ADVANCE PARTY, THE POSSIBILITY OF A PRIVATE
MEETING BETWEEN MRS. NIXON AND PRESIDENT GEISEL WAS
DISCUSSED. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE MATTER IS BEING CONSIDERED
IN WASHINGTON.

2. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT, AS I TOLD MR. CODUS, I BELIEVE
THAT SUCH A MEETING IS VERY MUCH IN OUR GENERAL INTEREST.
SUCH A VISIT, PARTICULARLY IF IT WERE THE OCCASION FOR THE
DELIVERY OF A CORDIAL LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GEISEL,
WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IN BEGINNING OUR RELATIONS WITH THE
NEW GOVERNMENT ON A POSITIVE NOTE.

3. ALTHOUGH I CANNOT BE CERTAIN, I AM QUITE CONFIDENT
THAT PRESIDENT GEISEL WILL WANT TO RECEIVE MRS. NIXON,
THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM BEING THE NECESSARILY EARLY HOUR OF
AN APPOINTMENT ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16 BECAUSE OF MRS.
NIXON'S EARLY DEPARTURE TIME.

4. THE LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT COULD INCORPORATE THE
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FOLLOWING THEMES: THE PRESENCE OF MRS. NIXON AS AN

EXPRESSION OF THE LONG-STANDING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND OUR PEOPLE; THE IMPORTANCE THAT WE ATTACH TO THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL, A GREAT AND DYNAMIC FORCE IN THE HEMISPHERE AND IN THE WORLD; THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT BRAZIL CAN MAKE TO THE PEACE AND PROGRESS OF AN EVER MORE INTERDEPENDENT WORLD; IN THIS HEMISPHERE, THE INVALUABLE PARTICIPATION OF BRAZIL IN THE NEW DIALOGUE, SO AUSPICIOUSLY BEGUN IN MEXICO CITY; THE CONFIDENCE THAT THE CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND BRAZIL WILL ENDURE AND BE STRENGTHENED DURING PRESIDENT GEISEL'S TENURE; AND FOR OUR PART A PLEDGE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO THAT END.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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